



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-02099**

BY: **Ms. MAY (SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS)**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 27, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE MARC GARNEAU**

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Response by the Minister of Transport

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Navigable waters**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

With respect to reinstating the Navigable Waters Protection Act through repealing sections of the Omnibus Bill C-45:

The Government delivered on its commitment to review the *Navigation Protection Act* to restore lost protections and incorporate modern safeguards. On February 8, 2018, the Government introduced in the House of Commons an *Act to enact the Impact Assessment Act and the Canadian Energy Regulator Act, to amend the Navigation Protection Act and to repeal certain Acts and make consequential amendments to other Acts* (Bill C-69).

The new Canadian Navigable Waters Act reflects a new vision for navigation protection that was developed by listening to Indigenous peoples, boaters, industry, the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport (TRAN), and other levels of government.

The new Canadian Navigable Waters Act is transformative and would provide protections for navigation on all navigable waters in Canada; advance reconciliation and establish new opportunities for Indigenous peoples to partner with Canada; create more accessible and transparent processes; and, provide robust powers to enforce new safeguards to protect the public right of navigation.